

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish propagation waters located in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

All impaired segments are located wholly within Westmoreland County with the exception of the Rosier Creek segment, this is in part located in King George County. These areas are described in the following publications:

- 1) Growing Area 1 as described in Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Numbers 88, Rosier Creek, effective 28 January 1997, 16 July 1997, 6 July 1999, 7 July 2000, 8 July 2002, 28 July 2003, 22 September 2004, and 16 August 2005 respectively.
- 2) Growing Area 2 as described in Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Numbers 1, Monroe Creek, effective 24 June 1996, 8 July 1997, 6 July 1998, 14 September 1998, 29 June 1999, 5 September 2002, 19 September 2003, 15 November 2004, and 23 September 2005 respectively.
- 3) Growing Area 3 as described in Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Number 146, Potomac River: Popes Creek, effective 27 April 1989, and 5 October 2005.
- 4) Growing Area 7 as described in Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Numbers 28, Yeocomico River, effective 30 April 1996, 12 May 1997, 4 September 1997, 28 January 1998, 5 February 1999, 3 May 1999, 15 July 1999, 29 July 2000, 3 July 2001, 11 July 2002, 13 May 2003, 21 July 2004, and 2 May 2005 respectively.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The final public meeting on the development of the fecal coliform TMDL's will be held on January 10, 2006 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Abraham and William Cooper Memorial Branch Library, 20 Washington Avenue, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Directions can be obtained by calling Chris French at (804) 521-5124. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The public comment period will begin on January 10, 2006, and end on February 9, 2006. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chris French and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chris French, Department of Environmental Quality, Piedmont Regional Office, Glen Allen, VA, 23060, telephone (804) 527-5124, Fax (804)-527-5106, or e-mail [rcfrench@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:rcfrench@deq.virginia.gov).